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## THE MOTHER OF INVENTION.

Some one, years ago, wrote an epigram to the effect that necessity was the mother of invention and men have kept on repeating it and believing it through the years.

Nothing was ever more untrue, for necessity never drove men to invent anything or to use their brains at all.

Necessity has prompted violence and primitive means to satisfy the normal desires and appetites. It has turned men backward, but never forward.

The real mother of invention is devotion, either to a person, a cause, an ideal or an ambition. The spur to thought is not hunger, thirst or weariness but the hope of bringing more of happiness or gladness into the world or into some life.

Take the story of C. H. Leonard, of Grand Rapids, a rich man now and destined to grow wealthier as he sells his refrigerator.

Did necessity lead him to plan that first model of his machine which is now sold broadly over the nation?

It was the desire that his wife might be saved a lot of worry and work. He did not expect to profit from it, had no hope of satisfying any desire in his life, was not pained by any extremity.

What he saw was an anxious look in the eyes of the wife over lost foods and spoiled meals, and so he set about the building of a device that would keep them from the effect of heat. Now he sells a thousand of them a day.

Or take a look at Earl Hanson, who has just started the world with the device which he calls a "vacutophone," which so multiplies the waves of radio that the air messages can be heard by large audiences.

He, too, is on the road to wealth as the demand grows for this device which makes possible entertainment and information for countless thousands. Hanson invented that thing to enable his own mother to overcome the effects of deafness.

It was designed, primarily, for his mother and grew from the love he held for her and his own desire to see her relieved from the effects of her affliction.

Love is the greatest incentive in the world. It is the greatest stimulant of thought and of sacrifice. It directs the mind to a goal—and these inventions are merely the results of a determination to bring gladness to loved ones, not to meet the urgent needs of personal distress.

Those who believe that progress in the world depends upon the presence of privation and want, of distress and anguish, should mark these two men and mark them well.

The human mind does not work under the lash of compulsion. It expands to the warmth of kindness and of love.

## KILLING CIVIL SERVICE.

Let it be hoped that any crookedness, inefficiency, or negligence in one department of the government will not be used as an excuse to kill the whole scheme of civil service.

If you believe the staff correspondent of one of the great republican papers of the nation, very friendly to the administration, there is a demand now being made upon the president to take all post-offices from civil service and fill them by political appointments.

The president, it states, has thus far refused to yield to the persuasions of the politicians who declare that there are hungry office seekers back home who need the jobs of men who have held them through competitive tests and faithful work.

The Old Guard of the present dominant party has always fought civil service. They hated Roosevelt because he believed in it and helped to make it effective.

To them the spoils belong to the victor and they regard all public office not as an opportunity for giving real benefits to the people, but as the private property of the party to be handed out on a basis of vote getting.

The mail service suffered in the old years when political workers, their eyes only on the salaries and with no special incentive to do good work as long as their pull lasted, filled the places.

To destroy civil service is to remove the last restraint upon reckless expenditures and to remove from public service the really efficient.

No man worth while would want a job which depended on other things than his ability to fill it. If it is abolished, and in the end it is quite probable that the president will yield, a public job will become again merely a reward for politics, not the reward for efficiency.

## NOTHING NEW?

Over in Arkansas members of the supreme court are solemnly debating the question of whether a school teacher may bob her hair.

They will pry into legal lore for precedents upon every matter but that of hair, delve into the technical rights of schoolboards, into the sacredness of contracts and probably very little into what bobbed hair on a teacher indicates.

All over the land ministers declaim and social workers raise their hands in amazed horror of the new fad.

Now comes the shock. Bobbed hair is older than the present civilization and dates back at least 2300 years in history.

This at any rate, is the declaration of a Philadelphia museum which has just received a mummified lady from Thebes, which flourished 23 centuries ago.

This lady, now a mere exhibit, laughed and danced and flitted her way through the world when that city, now forgotten, was at its zenith of influence and power.

In that day she was a queen, perhaps, for special honors were paid to her after she had gone, waiting for centuries to again bring her to the notice of mankind and to teach her little lesson.

How women wore their hair in Thebes, or how they wear it in America, matter very little after all. What women have been thinking in their hearts in these 23 centuries of history has made the world what it is today.

What thoughts this mummy, now jealously listed as "Maud," held beneath her curled curls may have changed the destiny of empires and may have led some benighted souls into paths that led to

either its downfall or the preservation of such knowledge as it was unable to carry from men when it fell into oblivion.

What seems to be new in the matter of manners and of customs is usually very old, for it is one of the fine traits of mankind that ingenuity is not exhausted on unimportant matters.

The field there is limited. What goes on inside the brain has the universe for a playground or a battlefield. Thought can delve into the ether beyond the stars or into the various bowels of the earth, always bringing out something that lasts.

The incidentals of life change little, for upon them is bestowed neither purpose, thought or sacrifice.

The fundamentals have always held the attention and these are really new with each generation as civilization climbs upward upon the memory of a dead past.

You will always find that new things are the useful things. The trivial fads and fancies of the day are always very, very old.

## THE EASIEST WAY.

The trouble with most people is that they seek an easy answer to a difficult problem, says Bishop Page of Boston.

"The other day I was shown two lottery tickets bought by women. Thousands of people have bought these tickets. Millions of dollars are spent in worthless stocks, oil and others. So many young men, even well-trained ones, are impatient of the slow processes of earning money by constructive effort. They seek the easy way."

The easiest way is called, by psychologists and scientists, "the line of least resistance."

Usually it leads to failure. Are you, unconsciously, following it? Most people are.

You never saw a prosperous saloon with a door that opened outward. The door either opened inward or was of the swinging type. Saloon-keepers instinctively recognized the principle of the line of least resistance—and made their bars approachable the easiest way.

Few people will use the revolving door of a department store when a smaller door is propped open nearby.

Many a merchant, whose store had to be entered by climbing a few steps, has greatly increased business by eliminating the steps, making the entrance slope gradually up.

Conservation of energy is a natural law. The human body recognizes this law and expends as little energy as possible—seeks the easiest way.

Without the human instinct of seeking the line of least resistance, there would be little inventive progress in the way of labor-saving devices.

Laziness is the father of invention.

For instance, the jack which you put under your auto axle when you change tires was invented by an Ohio farmer boy who disliked lifting heavy wagons by hand.

Virtue, carried to extremes, often becomes a vice.

The eternal human desire to find an easier way, while excellent up to a certain point, is the cause of most laziness—"putting it off till tomorrow."

Life's problems are very simple, easily understood. Encountering them, first seek an easier immediate way, then—if none is found—mobilize the energy for quick attack.

A problem or job is difficult or easy, according to one's viewpoint. The perpetual formula for success is: Refuse to be dismayed by the apparent size of a task. Tackle it as quickly as possible—immediately and with all available energy.

## ONE TERM PRESIDENTS.

An Indiana congressman, acting, it is reported, with the approval of the president, has offered a bill to extend the presidential term to six years and to prohibit a re-election.

The argument for the bill is an indictment of the present party system of government, for the measure is based upon the theory that the president, whoever he may be, will not be tempted to use the power of his office to corral delegates of his party for a renomination but will decide all matters on a basis of the common good.

Limiting the terms of office of president has always been advanced as a scheme to take politics out of a presidential mind and to put more patriotism into his cranium.

The necessity for this measure will pass with a few years of voting by women, who have already demonstrated that they are not so easily swayed by partisan or venal appeals as have been the male voters.

The big thing in the minds of the presidents of the future will be as to what can be done to best meet the will of all the people rather than how far he will have to go to meet the approval of the powers of his own party.

It is quite conceivable that there will some day be a president who so fully and completely satisfies the public in his leadership of thought and his unselfish service to the whole people that even the unwritten law against a third term will be broken.

So far no one has yet suggested any good reason why a poor president or one who refuses to please the public mind should be kept in office even four years.

## BIBLE AND DETECTIVES.

The younger Mr. Rockefeller, a devout man, was guarded on Sunday by two detectives as he stood before a Bible class and preached a doctrine of brotherly love.

Let each one determine how much of an impression he made upon the men to whom he talked—for it is rather a far cry from the plain clothes guards to that day, centuries ago, when a child born in a manger went about among his enemies, who hated him, relying upon the faith that was his for his own protection.

It is a new thing in missions, this guardianship of the personal safety of the preacher from the violence of men.

It is a new thing in the history of theology, something to be considered and something to suggest a wrong somewhere in the world when those who come to preach a doctrine of love hold the expectation of meeting hate and murder as they talk.

One of the great fundamentals of all religion is faith, which is the antithesis of fear.

One of the great rewards of Christian religion is freedom from belief in the evil of others and the firm belief that there is a protective care for all the children of earth.

Has the world reached a stage of madness and of hate where no place is sacred and where human life is held cheaply by those whose minds are filled with anger and bitterness?

"Love ye one another" was written centuries ago as a prophecy and a command and those who believe in it and rely upon it have never found the need of personal guards.

The man writing a book on hell probably got his idea from sleeping in an upper Pullman berth.

According to mother, a fool and her hair are soon parted.

Coal strikes cost the public \$500,000,000 a year, but are not worth nearly that much.

## The Tower of Babel

Bill Armstrong  
Headline in Chicago Tribune: "BANDITS INVADE MOTOR BUS; ROBBS CONDUCTOR AND FLEES." causing F. A. T. to observe that "even the flees are not immune."

## TO GET RESULTS, BE EXPLICIT IN YOUR WANT AD COPY. YES, INDEED!

(Rome, Kan., Recorder.)  
I want a man to work on my farm. I don't give dancing lessons. I have no place and I can't serve plank steak three times a day. I do give three square meals, a real bed and fair wages. If any man who knows a cow from a talking machine and can hear an alarm clock and get up at 5 o'clock wants the job I'll agree not to treat him like one of the family, but a darn sight better. Apply at the Steve Wiggin place, Intervale road.

"Where does the Easter rabbit come from?" asks Adam Beecher, the florist, in an avalanche of reader advertising he is running in your favorite newspaper. Well, where does it come from? We got one at the five and 10 for our little daughter, and the d—n thing melted in our pocket before we got it home.

We have heard the story a thousand times, but Monday was the first time we had ever seen it in real life. Two stores, belonging to the same company in the western part of the city, less than a block apart, are putting on a sale. They have been advertising the sale and huge signs out in front tell the story. And sandwiched in between the two stores is a competitor—who has erected over his front door a sign, which announces in flaming letters: "MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BIG SALE."

Wilbur Glenn Voliva says that the world is flat. It was last year, Wilbur, but it is rapidly getting back to normal shape again.

## "A SKIN YOU WOULD LOVE TO TOUCH."

The above is the slogan of the Michigan st. merchants whenever a bogus check artist gets busy.

"You know me, of course," smiled the lady customer to Clarence Hensel, manager of the American Drug. "I don't know whether I do or not. Your face seems familiar, but we have so many people coming in here that have been cured by Tanglefoot or Syrup of Figs that I can't seem to remember all your names."

## YOUR HEALTH — By Dr. R. S. Copeland

If I had my way every research laboratory would be at work on measles, scarlet fever, infantile paralysis and influenza. There is no more inspiring thought than the joy that would come to every mother's heart when she need worry no longer over the "catching" diseases.

I have before me a book which says about measles:

"It is caused by the invasion of a specific micro-organism, the character of which has not yet been definitely determined."

Would that I could find the words to inspire some laboratory worker to devote his energies exclusively to this one problem! Then, if others would take the remaining diseases of childhood, we could have hope that after a while the desired discoveries would be made.

The laboratory worker does not like to be tied down to one problem. He prefers to be free to follow any path which presents, and to proceed along it no matter if it may turn and twist until the direction of travel is precisely opposite from the way he started. He considers every other method unscientific. I get his point, of course, but it does not please me, because it leaves long periods with no efforts being made for the poor children.

Thousands, tens of thousands and even millions of children have these diseases during the course of the year. Many of them die and many more suffer serious and painful complications.

The economic loss is in itself a great item of expense. The hospital care, the nursing and the medical attendance aggregate millions of dollars. I wish we might spend a fraction of this in discovering the causes and seeking for means of prevention.

It is a fortunate child who gets through a case of measles without some serious complication. The most common and the most dangerous complication is broncho-pneumonia. All the diseases which begin with running nose and other catarrhal symptoms are likely to have broncho-pneumonia as a complication. This is particularly true of measles and influenza.

Abnormal pulmonary formation in the chest, known as "enphysema," is an occasional and uncomfortable complication of the eye tissues.

It is very common to have something wrong with the eyes during an attack of measles. This may be marked, severe, but usually it is light, or there may be actual ulceration of the eye tissues.

As in scarlet fever, there may be in measles, involvement of the ears.

In every infectious disease it is important to guard against the complications. By knowing exactly what may happen, the parent will be on the outlook for trouble, and will advise the doctor if these symptoms appear between visits. Early attention may control or "head off" conditions which would be serious if neglected.

## Just Folks By Edgar A. Guest

## APRIL.

April, and the showers are falling,  
April, and the birds are calling.  
To their din of song and feather,  
Quite regardless of the weather.

From the ground the cold is going,  
Now the violets are showing,  
And the constant pitter-patter  
Of the rain seems not to matter.

April, and the birds are humming  
Everywhere that May is coming.

Plant and tree are not complaining  
That this morning it is raining.

All around us there is beauty,  
Smiling, faithful to its duty,  
And the dandelion humble  
Seems too big and brave to grumble.

When it's April in our dreaming  
And the storms of care are passing,  
May we see beyond our sorrow  
All the beauty of to-morrow.

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those  
Whose trade is doing wrong  
Are always up upon their toes  
And hustling right along!

## STILL PESTERING US.

The rule that the way to get rid of men is to lend them money doesn't work in the case of the Mexicans.

CROSSING THE BAR.  
To the majority of Americans, the word "fishhook" used to mean a receptacle for the conveyance of an insect, and of late it has come to mean the same thing.

## NOT ALL BEER AND SKITTLES.

Movie stars are widely envied, but they seem to have their trials every little while.

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To polish up the plow.

Which seems to show that even

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Special  
R & G Satin Corset  
\$3.50

Special  
Binner Silk Brocade Corset  
\$10.00

This is a pink satin corset with an elastic top. It is strongly made yet lacks nothing in delicacy of appearance. There are only odd sizes—for slender figure.

This corset is of the finest silk brocade with an edge of satin, lace and a touch of blue ribbon. The elastics are silk. It is a back lace. There are all sizes.

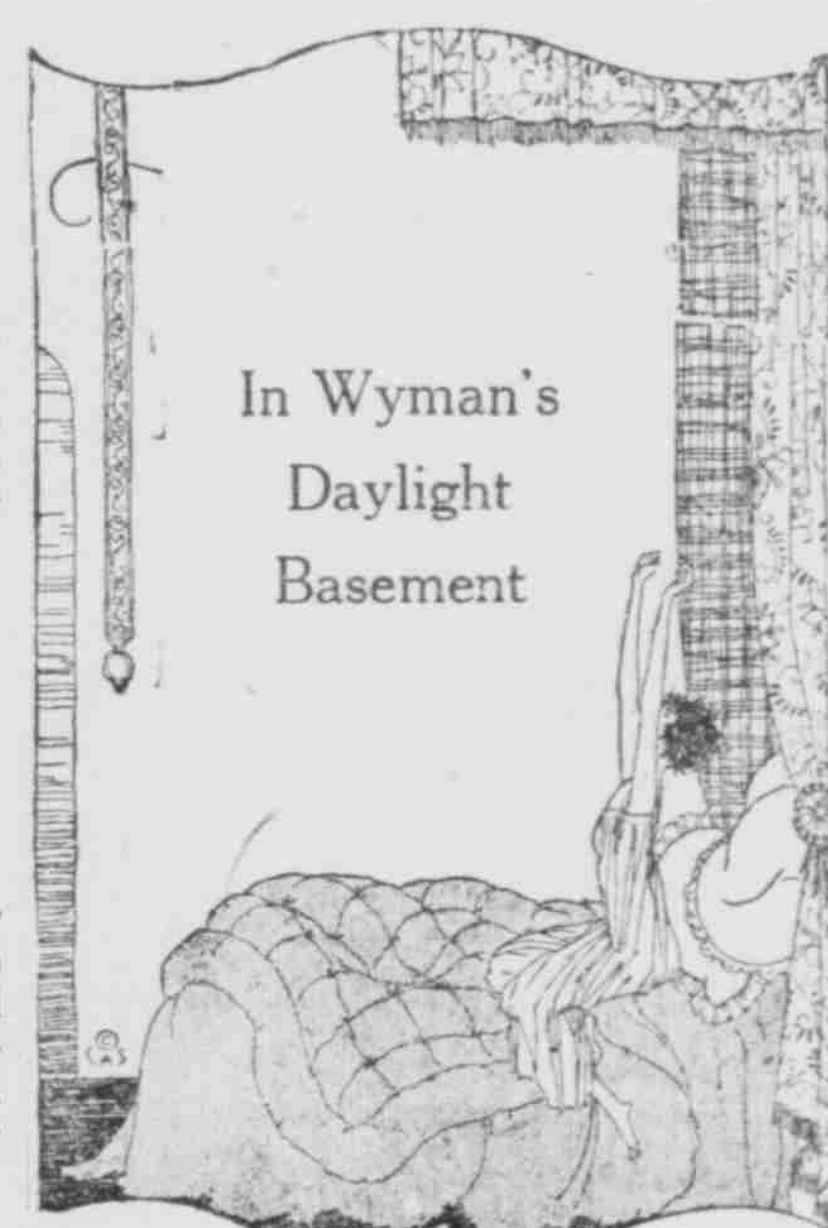
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This is a large crocheted spread, with a raised Marseilles pattern and scalloped edge. There is a pattern bolster cover to match.

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